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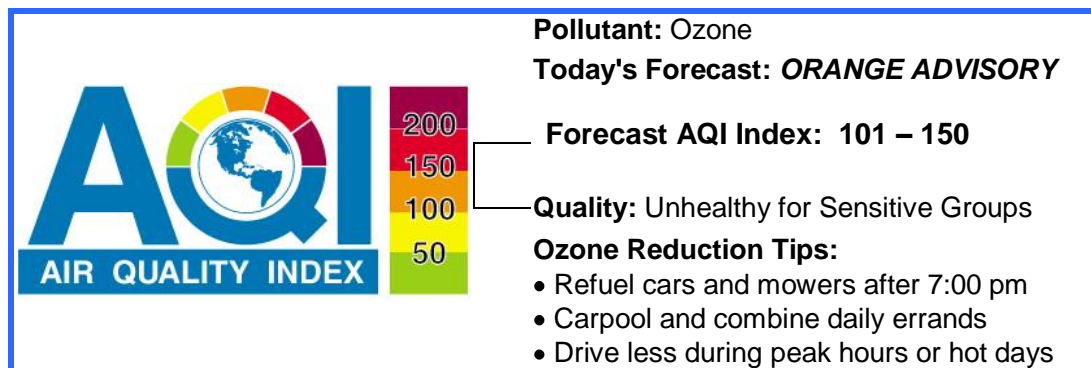
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## OZONE FORECAST CODE ORANGE ADVISORY For Saturday, May 25, 2013 *"Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups"*

**MEMPHIS** – In cooperation with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ); the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH); and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), the Shelby County Health Department has issued a **"Code Orange Ozone Forecast" for Saturday, May 25, 2013 for the Memphis Metropolitan Area.** The Memphis Metropolitan Area includes Shelby County, Tennessee; Crittenden County, Arkansas; and DeSoto County, Mississippi. A **"Code Orange Ozone Advisory"** indicates ozone levels are forecast to exceed the eight-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). There will be 25-cent rides on MATA buses and trolleys on Sat., May 25, during the Ozone Action Day. Individuals can call 274-MATA (6282), or visit [www.matatransit.com](http://www.matatransit.com) for route information.



Under existing Air Quality Index guidelines, ozone levels are expected to reach the classification of **"Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups"**. *The forecast exceedance for tomorrow is expected as a result of stagnant conditions, increased temperatures, and decreased winds.*

Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (Orange) <b>(Advisory)</b>	101 – 150	Active children and adults, and people with respiratory disease, such as asthma, should limit prolonged outdoor exertion.
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For more information concerning air quality, contact one of the following:

SCHD Pollution Control at (901) 222-9599 or [www.midsouthcleanair.org](http://www.midsouthcleanair.org);

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality-Planning and Air Quality Analysis Branch-Air Division at (501) 682-0767 or [www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/default.htm](http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/default.htm);

The Arkansas Department of Health at (501) 661-2000 or [www.healthyarkansas.com/environment/environment.html](http://www.healthyarkansas.com/environment/environment.html);

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality-Air Standards and Planning-Air Quality at (601) 961-5134 or [www.deq.state.ms.us/MDEQ.nsf/page/Air\\_Ozone?OpenDocument](http://www.deq.state.ms.us/MDEQ.nsf/page/Air_Ozone?OpenDocument).